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Press Release

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The City of Norman Office of Emergency Management has recently been approved to apply for hazard mitigation funding through the State of Oklahoma Hazard Mitigation Program that will assist the Norman residents in paying for a residential safe room.

Beginning today citizens will be able to access an application for funding on-line or in person at the Norman Fire Administration Building located at 415 East Main Street, Norman, OK. The completed application is required to be considered for a rebate. The application process will be available for thirty days or until 1000 applications are received, whichever comes first. There are also several considerations citizens must understand in order to be successful at receiving a rebate. The Norman Office of Emergency Management will host a community question and answer session on September 24, 2011, in the auditorium of the Moore-Norman Technology Center located at 4701 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Contact David Grizzle at 405-292-9780 or by email at david.grizzle@normanok.gov to register for one of two sessions. The sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Seating in the auditorium is limited, so registration is advisable.

The guidelines for the program are posted on the City of Norman website, [www.normanok.gov](http://www.normanok.gov). For further information, contact Mr. David Grizzle at (405)292-9780.

### Rebate Facts:

- The rebate is 75% of the total cost of the installation up to \$2500
- Safe Rooms include above ground and in ground structures
- It may take up to a year before receiving an approval to build
- The selection process will be by random drawing
- 500 applications will be submitted with an additional 100 as alternates
- A completed application does not guarantee a rebate will be provided
- An incomplete application will not be processed
- A location within the flood plain will not be eligible

- The City of Norman requires a building permit and there will be an additional administrative fee. Both are reimbursable under the program guidelines.
- Different jurisdictions may have different guidelines
- Signing a Pre-construction contract agreement prior to formal written approval will deem your application ineligible
- Units already installed are not eligible for reimbursement
- There is no retroactive rebate available
- Vendors must certify their shelter meets the applicable FEMA guidelines by a licensed design individual

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